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SAVAGES ALL.

AS THE WORLD WAR made savages of us all, it is inevitable that the savagism which might be asked with more seriousness than first glance would indicate. Because of the savagism of the savages, we are inclined to hold up the Fort Davis incident as an example.

But broadening out and taking survey of conditions which have developed throughout the country since the Armistice, we might find justification for the conclusion that we have turned into a Nation of competitors for each other's money.

THE STATE'S GOOD FORTUNE. Representative Doughton, of the eighth congressional district, is officially in the field for renomination and re-election.

THE VESTIBULE TO CHARLOTTE. It is to be noted that newspaper men coming into Charlotte are beginning to spread broadcast a bit of advertising of a bad sort for the city.

WOODS' DEVOTION TO DUTY. Nobody who knows General Wood had any idea that he would abuse the privileges of the leave of absence which had been granted him.

THE PEOPLE AND THE PRIMARY.

It will be remembered that while at the State Convention, where Democrats were gathered from all sections, The Observer heard considerable discussion of the primary system.

THE STRIKING MOB. The railroad strike which has brought such distressing concern to organized labor and its friends, was originated in Chicago by an unruly crowd who had a "personal grievance."

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LOOKING BACKWARD

Items of Interest to People of Charlotte and Carolinas, From The Observer of This Date, 1910 and 1900.

TEN YEARS AGO. Nashville—A sensation equal to that which inflamed Tennessee in November, 1908, when former United States Senator Edward Ward Carmack was shot and killed on Nashville's streets, was the pardoning by Governor M. R. Patterson today of Col. Duncan B. Cooper, who with his son, Robin J. Cooper, was convicted of the murder of Carmack.

Among the sporting men of the city there is a great deal of interest in fast trotting horses. On Monday or Tuesday several local sportsmen will take their horses out to Cochran's track at Dorla, for trial sprints.

The Elks will have the only official program of the Twentieth of May celebration. This will be gotten out in pamphlet form, with views of the city and will give in detail the events on each day of the celebration week.

The last shipment of gold from the city of West of Trade street, made last Wednesday, was \$19,631.63. In amount this is about the average shipment for this season of the year.

The proposed national park in western North Carolina is coming along. Senator Prichard and others in Washington have been working energetically in behalf of the project which the board has hoped to believe that Congress will take favorable action.

Architect Frank P. Milburn of this city, returned last night from Columbia. His plans have been accepted for completing the South Carolina state house.

Impersonating Officer Charge Against Navy Deserter. Judge Webb Wants Him Watched as to Sanity—Other Cases in Federal Court.

A year and a day in the federal penitentiary in Atlanta was the sentence imposed on Cecil Vestal, a young man 22 years old, on a charge of impersonating a government officer and obtaining money on checks, some with forged names, by Judge E. Yates Webb in federal court yesterday morning.

Judge Webb stated that he wanted the young man examined and reports for doing as he did, established whether or not he is exactly sane, stating that he is either off or one of the boldest and most determined of special agents.

The young man entered a plea of guilty to the charge, stating on the stand that he had personal reasons for doing as he did, knowing that it was wrong, although it would not have been as bad as murder or highway robbery.

Along with the evidence was exhibited a young man who had been several years in the United States Army and addressed to the department of justice, in which he was tendering his resignation to the department of justice.

The young man, who said he was born at Pinnacle and that his mother lives in Winston-Salem, stated that he was the son of the late Mr. Vestal, who lived in High Point, District Attorney Hammett stating that he got into trouble there a few years ago and died in the State of New York.

Vestal is quoted as saying that he preferred spending a year in the penitentiary to another year in the State of New York, and that he was naturally, smiling and joking about it.

The grand jury did not take up the investigation of a case of profiteering said to be ready for consideration, but it was intimated yesterday that these cases will be reviewed at that body today.

Riley Honeycutt, a resident of Cabarrus county, also drew a sentence of a year and a day in the Atlanta penitentiary on a charge of distilling. A sentence of \$100 was placed on Bob Rivers, Union county, charged with distilling.

L. C. Ellis entered a plea of guilty to the charge of the larceny of two or three coops of chickens when they were en route and in his charge on the railroad and in his charge on the railroad and in prayer for judgment was granted as he recently was found guilty and fined \$100 and the costs.

Grady Burlyson, prayer for judgment was granted in the case of the first and a verdict of not guilty returned as to the latter.

F. C. HARDING OUT FOR LIUENHANT GOVERNOR. The candidacy of F. C. Harding, of Pitt county, for the nomination of lieutenant governor is being strongly supported throughout the state, according to advices received here by H. P. Harding, superintendent of schools, brother of the candidate.

Mr. Harding was chairman of the senate committee on education in the North Carolina general assembly, and has always been a strong advocate for better public school facilities for the state. As part of the lieutenant governor's campaign, he has been making a tour of the state, lecturing on the cause of education in the state. It is said.

CYCLISTS WILL DO FANCY RIDING HERE. A bicycle carnival will be held in this city within a few days by Fred St. Onge, Lieutenant Pineau, formerly of the British flying corps, and C. M. Bonner, expert cyclist and track rider, will appear in demonstrations on the up-town streets. As part of the carnival, lectures on the care of bicycles will be given to younger boys of the city, it was said.

NEGRO IS SHOT IN BACK

BULLET PIERCING HEART

Another Negro, Unidentified, Said to Have Killed Robert Cureton in Own Home.

Shot in the back with a 38 caliber bullet piercing his heart, Robert Cureton, negro, is dead as the result of an attack upon him yesterday morning about 6 o'clock in his home, No. 817 East Eighth street.

The police have not yet made any arrests, but it is said that they are working on strong clues as to who committed the murder. Although Cureton's wife, Ida, and 10-year-old daughter were in the home at the time of the shooting, they were not injured.

When questioned at the station house yesterday morning the daughter of the dead man said that she was in the room where the homicide occurred. She said that she saw who shot her father, although she said that a "man, who had been coming there," fired the shot.

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It was said that a man entered the Cureton home on East Eighth street, near Lee's creek, in the negro quarter known as "Slick Hill," early yesterday morning and yelled at Robert Cureton, "so you've been threatening my life. Well, I'll do you." He drew a revolver and shot.

Officers believe that Cureton attempted to turn and "duck" down, which explains the bullet in the back, near the waist, and ranged upward, puncturing the man's heart. The body of the slain man was found by the police, who state that the Cureton negro had been "going wild" with women since the slayer shot him as his "kiss."

Magistrate J. W. Cobb has been appointed by C. C. Moore, clerk of the court, to hold the inquest into the death of Robert Cureton. Squire Cobb will select the jurors and hold the investigating session this morning.

HIGHWAY MEETING TO BE HELD BY CHAPTER

Prominent Engineers Will Speak at Meeting of Charlotte Chapter of American Engineers Friday Night.

"A highway meeting" will be held by the Charlotte chapter of the American Engineers, Friday night, in the chamber of commerce rooms in the first open session of the chapter. It was announced yesterday.

Prof. Tucker, associate professor of civil engineering at the North Carolina State college, will deliver an address on the "Highways of the Past." Dr. Tucker is said to be thoroughly conversant with highway construction and has made a special study of highways of former days.

W. G. Falls, state highway engineer, will explain the present status of the highway work in North Carolina, and will discuss the plans and purposes for future construction by the state highway commission.

"Highways of the Future" will be the subject of T. L. Kirkpatrick, president of the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville Highway association, who will tell of the plans of the W. A. C. and also of the state highway commission.

As a result this road will be closed between this city and Gaston as well as between the Sloan's ferry road and the national highway to Atlanta, between this city and the new concrete bridge on the North Carolina road. It is announced by A. M. McDonald, chairman of the commission.

MAN IS HELD ON CHARGE OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT. Probable cause for attempted criminal assault upon a young girl in her room after midnight Monday at a boarding house on North Caldwell street was found against John Hill, white, at the hearing at the recorder's court yesterday morning.

It is charged that Hill entered the young girl's room and attempted to force violence. She screamed and raised an alarm, frightening the man off. Police officers were notified and within a short time arrested Hill on the charge.

The roommate of Hill at the boarding house is said to have stated that Hill left his room partially undressed and came hurrying back immediately after the alarm was raised by the 19-year-old girl.

Judge H. C. Jones, after hearing the evidence, ordered Hill committed to jail without bond until the next session of the criminal court.

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